

Appl. No. 09/521,641
Supp. Amdt. dated July 6, 2006
Reply to Office Communication of March 8, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Communication cited above notes that applicants' Amendment of Dec. 12, 2005 failed to respond to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view McAuley et al.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by McAuley et al (cited as USPN 47937873, which applicants take to be 4,937,873). Applicants have canceled claims 14 and 15.

If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner is urged to telephone George Wolken Jr., Esq. at (408) 567-0340 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Conclusion

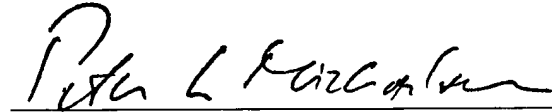
In view of the above amendments and arguments, in addition to those presented December 12, 2005, the applicants respectfully submit all claims currently pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

Appl. No. 09/521,641
Supp. Amdt. dated July 6, 2006
Reply to Office Communication of March 8, 2006

Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and
its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

July 6, 2006

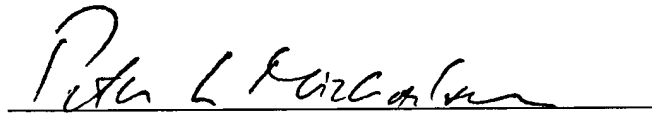


Peter L. Michaelson, Attorney
Reg. No. 30,090
Customer No. 007265
(732) 542-7800

MICHAELSON & ASSOCIATES
Counselors at Law
P.O. Box 8489
Red Bank, New Jersey 07701-8489

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING under 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being
deposited on **July 7, 2006** with the United States Postal
Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an
envelope addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for
Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Signature

30,090
Reg. No.